

From: [Assunto, Carmen](#)
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Subject: 3rd edit. Please review. RE: osc profile page
Date: Wednesday, March 27, 2019 3:22:03 PM

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At approximately 10:20 am local time on March 17, 2019, Intercontinental Terminals Company LLC (ITC) discovered a tank on fire and reported the incident to the National Response Center (NRC #1240304). EPA Region 6 Phone Duty Officer (PDO) activated the Response Duty Officer (RDO) and EPA START contractors to respond.

EPA mobilized and entered Unified Command.

This is still an active emergency response event, and EPA is focused on its role to provide assistance and coordinate with local governmental agencies, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, U.S. Coast Guard, Harris County Pollution Control Services and ITC for response actions needed to address any discharges from the site.

EPA is conducting ground level air monitoring with handheld equipment downwind of the incident location and response actions. We are also conducting aerial air monitoring with the Airborne Spectral Photometric Environmental Collection Technology aircraft (ASPECT) in the vicinity, and downwind, of the incident. EPA is utilizing the EPA Trace Atmosphere Gas Analyzer (TAGA), a self-contained mobile laboratory capable of real-time sampling of outdoor air or emissions, for continuous air monitoring of organic compounds. It has been operating in the Deer Park area and all neighborhoods downwind. EPA began collecting water samples in Tucker Bayou on March 20 and in Buffalo Bayou on March 21, 2019. EPA environmental monitoring and sampling are being coordinated with state, county, and local agencies' assessment efforts and critical areas as needed.

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Suggestions below

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On Mar 27, 2019, at 1:41 PM, Assunto, Carmen <Assunto.Carmen@epa.gov> wrote:

How about an update to the profile page? It is outdated. Here is a draft for your consideration:

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And guidance and direction to ITC?

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